

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE 38TH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
HELD TUESDAY, 8 OCTOBER, 1985, 8:00 P.M.
IN ROOM AD-131, LOYOLA CAMPUS

1. Call To Order and Roll Call:

Chairperson Scott White called the Meeting to order at 8:05 p.m.

PRESENT:

Co-Presidents:

Ron Hiscox
Michael Judson

Commerce:

Janice Domaratzki
Jenny Rice
Lorne Severs

Fine Arts:

David Etherington

Arts and Science:

Milva D'Aronco (8:45)
Andy King
Maki Kusano
Chris Mostovac
Mark Pink
Heather Rerrie
Karen Takacs

Engineering:

Andrew Haberl

ABSENT:

Arts and Science: Maria Calderone, Adrian Chomenko, Carla Grodis (W/R),
Jennifer Stark

Commerce: Elizabeth Laett, Shirleen Weekes

Engineering: Dan Artola, Jonathan Jolivet, Martin Pereira

Fine Arts: Page Lopez

Advisors to the Board Present: Joel Max Elkin, Liaison V.P.; Yael
Lifshitz, Education V.P.; Aleem Lakhani, Student Services V.P.; Francois
Desrosiers, External V.P.

2. Approval of Agenda:

The following items on the Agenda were changed:

Item 7.a) Dropped back on the Agenda until the arrival of Karen
Herland.

Item 7.b) Joel announced that the reps. of Chips and Dips cannot
attend this meeting, so their ratification will be postponed. He also
announced that the Recreational Photo Club is actually to be called
Concordia Shutterbugs.

Agenda approved as amended.

3. Approval of Minutes of 36th Meeting:

Minutes of the 36th Meeting approved.

4. Chairperson's Remarks:

Scott White alerted Directors to the Memo he had sent out concerning the future dates of Meetings, and also raised points concerning the meetings themselves. He asked that all Directors familiarize themselves with its contents.

As a final point, Scott stated that, as per the wishes of the Board of Directors, he received a letter from the Rector's Office stating that any student contributions to the Capital Campaign would be held in the Toronto Dominion Bank instead of the Bank of Montreal, due to BMO's involvement in South Africa.

5. Reports:

a). Co-Presidents:

Michael Judson explained that there are problems with the Programming Department. The executive is considering forming a hiring committee to examine the possibility of hiring a Programmer. The position would be part time, at about 30 hours per week at \$5.00 per hour. Alex Commodari resigned his Programming V.P. position and this has left a void in the department. Most of the Academic programs have been set up through the Student Services V.P.'s department.

Michael also informed the Board that CUSA would like to see something happen with the CCSL Athletics Report, which is not being acted upon at this time. He stated that CUSA still has to close the books on CUSASET. CUSA is also trying to set up a system for students to make independent contributions to the Capital Campaign. He stated that he will be having interviews with candidates for the positions of bookkeeper and secretary in the next couple of weeks. He stated that Financial Policies have to be drawn up for funding of the member associations.

Ron Hiscox stated that the architects are looking at the plans for CUSA's move to the Campus Centre. He also stated that it seems that Jean Robertson's lawsuit has fizzled out. Robertson has cancelled the preliminary meeting for the examination of evidence and perhaps he'll let the whole thing drop. As far as the Girdwood lawsuit is concerned, the last lawyer suggested an out of court settlement, however, the present lawyer disagrees and the case should come to court in about two years.

Ron also stated that the Shareholders Agreement of CUSACORP omits the administration of the University and that the Campus Centre Board of Directors hires CUSACORP to run the Campus Centre. The Campus Centre Board has two University administrators sitting on it and in April the Campus Centre Board wanted to get rid of CUSACORP, however, Michael and himself wanted to make it more workable. Now that CUSACORP is running smoothly CUSA would like to dismantle the Campus Centre Board so that it cannot fire CUSACORP.

Ron is also going to take a look at the Programming Department and evaluate the costs of all parties. He would also like to look at the newspapers and see what changes could be made to make them more feasible and financially sound.

6. Question Period:

Karen Takacs asked what ideas the Co-Presidents have about Programming and the need to hire someone. She asked who would take that decision.

It was answered that the Co-Presidents are planning to look more at the social area of Programming and are also checking out the possibility of joint Dean of Students - CUSA events sponsorship.

Chris Mostovac suggested that if CUSA is serious about a Programmer, they'll have to be realistic about the needs of the department. Either pay for a top notch programmer or leave it open for all member groups.

Karen Takacs again pointed out the lack of Executive Reports. She inquired if, at Executive Meetings, the Co-Presidents stressed the importance of Executives giving reports at Board Meetings. Ron suggested that Karen approach the Executives directly to ask them for reports. Heather Rerrie suggested that written reports should be instituted. Joel stated that he thinks it's not just the responsibility of the Directors to have to ask Executives for reports.

Some questions concerning the lack of recruitment for the position of Assistant Researcher for the Advisory Committee on the Status of Women were raised. Ron stated that they received three applications in June and they interviewed all three applicants. The Advisory Committee was supposed to have started up in the summer, hence the need to find someone at that time. The Co-Presidents decided upon Karen Herland at that time, as she was the most qualified. Directors stated that due to the fact that the Committee is just starting up now, they should actively advertise the position and Executives feel it should be up to a hiring committee.

Andy King wanted to know what Brian Weihs has been doing all summer? He doesn't see why, between Brian Weihs and Karen Takacs, they could not have accomplished more over the summer. He asked what the duties of Finance V.P. are.

Karen Takacs explained that she could only speak for herself and that many meetings were held over the summer months. Karen explained about the 20% funding proposal presented in August. It was found not to be working and therefore they had to start all over again to re-work the proposal.

Andy King then stated that some budgets were handed in in April and they are still not passed. He does not feel that CUSA is being budget conscious. Groups are still handing in requisitions, and they are being processed, without knowing where CUSA stands financially.

7. New Business:

b) Ratification of New Member Associations:

Joel stated that the rep. from the Music Club who had been at the meeting earlier had to leave to write an exam. He suggested the Board ratify this group by proxy since he was in attendance earlier. Also, he introduced the representatives from the Concordia Shutterbugs Club and opened the floor to questions from Directors.

It was asked how many people are interested at this point and it was answered that there are 10 to 15 interested persons so far.

It was asked how much money the club would be wanting and it was stated that at this point in time, they are seeking official recognition as a CUSA club in order to go ahead and make requests for space, facilities and funding.

It was asked if the reps. had seen any of the darkroom facilities yet and they answered that no they hadn't.

It was asked who would be paying for the equipment the club would need. It was answered that perhaps some of the equipment could be purchased through the budget of the club so as not to limit who can join the club.

It was asked, if the club is ratified, what would that entail and it was answered that it would simply give them official status in order to enable them to submit a budget, and make requests for space and resources.

Joel spoke to the Board on behalf of the Music Club.

MOTION 234:

WHEREAS the Concordia Shutterbugs and the Concordia Music Club have properly completed the application for club recognition process, and;

WHEREAS a founding member of each group is in attendance to answer any questions;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board recognize the Concordia Shutterbugs and the Concordia Music Club pending approval of their Constitutions by Judicial Board.

Moved by: Andrew Haberl

Seconded by: Maki Kusano

Discussion:

Milva stated that both the newspapers complain about poor darkroom facilities. Is it possible to get all concerned together to get one or two good darkrooms - not one for each different group. It was answered that the persons who presently have control of the darkrooms are very possessive of the space and the Shutterbugs simply want the use of darkroom facilities, not necessarily one of their own.

It was also mentioned that perhaps the Shutterbugs would be duplicating services already offered by the Photography Workshop at Loyola. Karen stated that Finance Committee should bear this fact in mind when approving a budget.

MOVE to end debate.

Moved by: Andrew Haberl
Seconded by: Maki Kusano

VOTE TO END DEBATE: 7/5/2 Defeated

Discussion Resumes:

Milva stated that she is not against these new clubs, however, she disagrees with rubber stamping without knowing if the club is a duplication of services.

Lorne Severs stated that the ideological aspects of the club are good - but darkroom aspect is perhaps a duplication of services.

MOVE to end debate.

Moved by: Andrew Haberl
Seconded by: Maki Kusano

VOTE TO END DEBATE: No Objections

VOTE ON MOTION 234: 11/1/1 Carried

At this point, before continuing with the Agenda, Joel Max Elkin announced that he is resigning as Liaison V.P. It was asked why he was resigning and he answered that he originally got involved to effect change from within. The first few months were fine but he has become disillusioned. Changes will take longer than he had anticipated and he finds it becoming increasingly difficult to deal with things as they are now. He finds it is taking a toll on him physically and he would like to remain involved to some extent in the future.

Karen Takacs thanked Joel for all his time and energy and understands his frustrations. Michael Judson stated that the Executive has been aware of Joel's dissatisfaction and is sorry to see him go.

c) Appointments to CUSACORP Board of Directors:

Lorne Severs, past member of the CUSACORP Board stated that about one month ago he called Scott White and informed him that applications for new Directors for the CUSACORP Board would be made available (Reggies, Campus Centre) and he made arrangements to have the completed applications dropped off with the CUSA Secretary at Sir George. They also placed an ad in the newspaper advertising the positions (7) however, response was minimal. After the deadline of September 27th, there was some mix up in the communications and as a result some of the applicants were not notified of this meeting.

It was decided to have all the candidates address the Board and at the end of the discussion the Directors will vote for the candidates they wish to ratify. The voting will be done by secret ballot. Also, in between candidates, Directors will have a closed session to discuss amongst themselves.

Candidate: Glenn Massad:

Glenn Massad stated that he just finished sitting on the Interim Board of CUSACORP whose term expired on September 30, 1985. He has been working on various things and generating reports. CUSACORP will guarantee monthly reports. He stated that he has enjoyed his term on the Board, and would like to remain as a CUSACORP Director to provide continuity.

(10:00)

Candidate: Ivan Volek:

Ivan explained that he wants to be involved on the Board to help shape policy. He is involved with other groups on campus and has to deal with the Campus Centre on a regular basis. He was asked if he is a member of a fraternity and he replied that he is a member of Omicron. He was also asked if he thought his involvement in the fraternity would be a conflict of interest and he replied that he did not think it would be. It was asked what Ivan would do if the CUSACORP Board wanted to pass policy which would be detrimental to a fraternity and he replied that he would serve the best interests of all students, not just members of his own fraternity, and that if he found it to be a conflict of interest he would resign one or the other. It was stated that Ivan is the manager of the IFC Coffee Bar in Guadagni and he was asked if he would have sufficient time to devote to the CUSACORP Board. He answered that he feels he can handle both.

(10:15)

Candidate: Lorne Wilansky:

Lorne stated that he is presently a CUSACORP employee - which might change if he's elected to the CUSACORP Board. He feels his three years at Concordia will enable him to make informed decisions. It was asked why his status as a CUSACORP employee would change and he stated it would be a matter of time constraints and he has the best interests of the Campus Centre in mind.

Candidate: Lorne Severs:

Lorne stated that he has been involved in Senate, CUSA Board of Directors and the CUSACORP Board of Directors. He has worked for CUSACORP for the past year and sees the Board as a means of affecting change. The interim Board was very effective and the changes are positive. The potential for positive change is very good and with the new General Manager and Operations Manager, he feels that things will really start happening.

Candidate: Robert Gauvin:

Robert stated that he was also on the interim Board. He enjoyed the involvement and wants to continue things which have been started. There are various ideas being considered, such as getting draft beer on tap at Reggies, and he would like to remain involved. It was asked if Robert is a member of a fraternity and he replied that he is with Omicron and proud of it. He was also asked if he saw this as a conflict of interest and he replied that when there have been conflicts, he's done what is best for the majority. Robert was asked if he sees the main objective of CUSACORP being the sale of liquor. Robert stated that selling liquor is one way that CUSACORP makes money and CUSACORP also supplies services (i.e. Jazz Nites,

Movies, T.V., etc) to students. However, the bottom line is that CUSACORP must make money in order to pay the bills.

(10:30)

As there were no more candidates, Scott White asked Directors to take a piece of paper, and write down the candidates that they wished to appoint to the CUSACORP Board. The Results will be tallied and announced.

Scott White called a 10 minute recess at 10:40 p.m.

Meeting re-convened at 10:50 p.m.

Elected to the CUSACORP Board of Directors are:

Lorne Severs
Lorne Wilansky
Glenn Massad
Robert Gauvin

As only four candidates were elected, there remains three (3) seats open and the applications will again be made available for people interested in applying for the vacant seats.

7.a) Appointment to the Advisory Committee on the Status of Women:

Karen Herland has been nominated for the position as Assistant Researcher on the Rector's Advisory Committee on the Status of Women. The Committee was to have started up in the summer and the Co-Presidents received three applications for the position and their recommended candidate is Karen Herland. Some executives feel that due to the delay in the start up of the committee, the position should be actively publicized and advertised and more candidates recruited.

(11:00)

MOTION 235:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Karen Herland be ratified for the
position as Assistant Researcher on the Rector's
Advisory Committee on the Status of Women.

Moved by: Maki Kusano
Seconded by: David Etherington

Discussion:

Karen Takacs feels that Karen Herland has been left hanging since June and feels it's would be unfair at this time to re-open the position for more candidates. Janice Domaratzki disagrees, and feels that the position should be advertised again and applications from more candidates taken.

Karen Herland herself agrees in principal that a position like this should be searched properly. However, as it stands right now, the committee is underway and now that it is operating, much work has to be done. Women at Concordia University need a body to deal with their needs. To do a proper search would take time - much more than two weeks.

It was asked why, if the Co-Presidents had received three applications, why are there not three candidates at this meeting so that the Board could decide on one. Ron answered that Karen was the best person for the job of the three candidates they saw.

Milva D'Aronco resents that two males (the Co-Presidents) are presenting a candidate for a women's committee. She wondered how they would know what a woman's needs are at Concordia. Karen agrees with Milva's point, however both Co-Presidents happen to be men, and until such time as it is policy that Co-Presidents have to be one of each sex, the Association must deal with it as is.

Karen also stated that members of both the Women's Collective and Women's Studies Students' Association support her nomination for the position.

VOTE ON MOTION 235: 8/3/2 Carried

7.g) Ratification of Communications V.P.:

Directors were asked to refer to documents BD-38-D1 and BD-38-D2 concerning the application of Peter Wheeland for the position as Communications V.P. The opinion was voiced that Peter is a good candidate for the job and he has vast experience in this area and would do a great job.

MOTION 236:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Peter Wheeland be ratified as the
Communications Vice-President of CUSA for the
1985-86 year.

Moved by: David Etherington
Seconded by: Karen Takacs

VOTE ON MOTION 236: 13/0/0 Unanimous

7.f) Communications V.P. Summer Salary:

Ron gave details concerning this item. He stated that Carolyn was appointed after the original Summer Salary Proposal came to the Board of Directors and there is no allowance for her to receive a summer salary due to the fact that the Board put a ceiling figure on money to be used for this purpose.

MOTION 237:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Summer Salary for the Vice-
President Communications (Carolyn Whitzman) be
decided by Finance Committee.

Moved by: Ron Hiscox
Seconded by: Maki Kusano

Discussion:

Francois stated that a precedent would be set if this was done as there were other people who worked and were not paid.

(11:30)

David Etherington stated that the reason this item was moved up on the Agenda was because it was to be a short item. If it is going to drag on, it should be dealt with later.

VOTE ON MOTION 237: 13/0/0 Unanimous

At this point Karen Takacs stated that a number of executives are not pleased with the current state of affairs within CUSA and they have stated if something isn't done, they would resign. Therefore, the following motion should be considered:

MOTION 238:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda of the 38th Meeting be amended to have a discussion on CUSA problems.

Moved by: Karen Takacs
Seconded by: Andy King

VOTE ON MOTION 238: 12/1/0 Carried

MOVE to limit debate to 15 minutes.

Moved by: Maki Kusano
Seconded by: Andrew Haberl

NO OBJECTIONS

This portion of the meeting was held "in camera."

The following motion was Moved after the 15 minute discussion.

MOTION 239:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT an emergency meeting be held next Tuesday, October 15, 1985 at 8:00 p.m. at Sir George in order to discuss certain problems that exist within the functioning of the Association and that the meeting be closed to the public, with the exception of past executives of this year.

Moved by: Karen Takacs
Seconded by: Maki Kusao

VOTE ON MOTION 239: UNANIMOUS

7.d) Appointments to University Senate (Part I):

MOTION 240:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board fill all undergraduate student vacancies on Senate.

Moved by: Karen Takacs
Seconded by: Mark Pink

Discussion:

Yael stated earlier that she would leave some Senate seats vacant however, feedback indicates that these seats should be filled now as we need fire power now.

MOVE to End Debate.

Moved by: Andrew Haberl
Seconded by: Maki Kusano

No Objections to ending debate.

VOTE ON MOTION 240: Unanimous

7.e) Appointments to University Senate (Part II):

Randy Orr, student caucus leader, stated that important issues are coming up and one main bone of contention is to limit Senators to being the only ones allowed on Senate committees. Also, the matter of Senate re-structuring which would see student representation drop from about 30% to less than 20%. Students represent the largest constituency in the University and they have the smallest voice. Randy feels students are not taken seriously at Senate and some members of Senate feel that students should not have a voice at all.

MOTION 241:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the CUSA Board of Directors affirms that the present proportion of undergraduate student representatives be preserved on Senate regardless of the final recomposition of Senate and that a letter to this effect be sent to the Secretary of Senate and the four (4) Faculty Councils.

Moved by: Maki Kusano
Seconded by: Karen Takacs

Discussion:

It was stated that the CUSA Board of Directors usually doesn't deal with these academic matters, it usually goes through Academic Council. However, due to the severity of this matter it is felt that it must be dealt with here.

VOTE ON MOTION 241: Unanimous

8. Announcements:


Joel announced that the second Clubs on Campus will take place on Wednesday, October 9th from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

9. Adjournment:

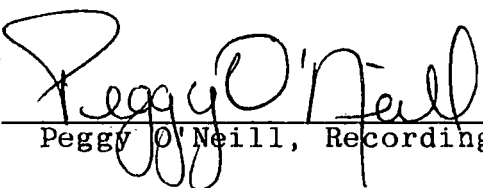
MOVE to adjourn at 12:16 a.m.

Moved by: Chris Mostovac
Seconded by: Andrew Haberl

UNANIMOUS



G. Scott White, Chairperson



Peggy O'Neill, Recording Secretary